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FOLLOWING REPEAT CARACAS 9699 ACTION SECSAATE 01 OCT

QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, VE

SUBJECT: SENSATIONAL PRESS REPORT CAUSES LOCAL EXCITEMENT

1. WIRE SERVICE (EFE) STORY DATELINED WASHINGTON SEPT . 20 REPORTED THAT ONE WILLIAM HIGGS, DESCRIBED AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMITTEE FOR AN OPEN SOCIETY, HAD WRITTEN SECRETARY KISSINGER EXPRESSING FEAR THAT THE US IS PLANNING AN INVASION OF VENEZUELAN OIL FIELDS BY US MARINES AND BEGGING PRESIDENT FORD NOT TO TAKE THIS ACTION "SO CONTRARY TO EVERYTHING THIS NATION SHOULD DEFEND THIS REPORT WAS GIVEN SENSATIONAL TREATMENT BY THE SMALL CARACAS DAILY LA VERDAD SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 1.

2. THIS REPORT WAS WIDELY DISCUSSED IN CARACAS SEPTEMBER 30, AND PRESIDENT PEREZ, DEFENSE MINISTER LEAL TORRES, INTERIOR MINISTER PINUERA ORDAZ AND INDUSTRIALIST EUGENIO MENDOZA ALL MADE STATEMENTS PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED IN LOCAL PRESS OCTOBER 1 EXPRESSING DISBELIEF IN ANY FOUNDATION TO THE REPORT.

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3. COMMENT. THAT THIS RIDICULOUS WIRE SERVICE STORY COULD BE

TAKEN SERIOUSLY ENOUGH TO PROVOKE DISCUSSION AMONG AND TO ELICIT  
PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THIS COUNTRY'S MOST PROMINENT  
CITIZENS IS A SIGNIFICANT INDICATION OF THE DEFENSIVE AND HIGHLY  
NATIONALISTIC FEELINGS WHICH ARE STILL RUNNING HIGH HERE FOLLOWING  
PRESIDENT PEREZ'S REBUTTAL OF PRESIDENT FORD'S ADDRESS TO THE  
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